

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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FOR:	METHODS OF INHIBITING VASCULAR)	
	PERMEABILITY AND APOPTOSIS)	

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
PURSUANT TO 35 U.S.C. §121

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 3, 2008. The Examiner requires restriction between:

Group I, Claims 1 – 21, drawn to a composition comprising an endothelial sphingosine-1-phosphate receptor agonist;

Group II, Claims 1 - 21, drawn to a method treating with an endothelial sphingosine-1-phosphate receptor agonist.

Group III, Claims 1 – 21, drawn to method of preparing an endothelial sphingosine-1-phosphate receptor agonist.

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372, the Examiner requires restriction between Groups I, II, and III.